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I attend high school in Benton County and often use the internet for reference purposes. I spend a substantial amount of time on it and inflicting this per minute charges would eliminate my use of the web. Many of my friends use the internet for similar purposes and cannot afford to be charged per minute. My younger sister has learned to access information for reports, as well as print them. Our entire school has based much of their learning on the student's access to the internet. Because of our dependence on the internet in this rural area, a minute charge would devastate our future learning capabilities.

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I am opposed to any per-minute fees being assessed on local phone service either by charging the consumer or an ISP.

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Thank you for your attention.

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We are against any additional fees for Internet access. It has become a wonderful educational tool that would no longer be available to many due to higher phone charges.

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THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A MOVE TO CREAT A MONOPOLY. WE USE THE INTERNET FOR OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND HAVE JUST RECENTLY BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD IT DUE TO A FIXED RATE PROGRAM IN RURAL AREAS. NOW WE ARE THREATENED WITH NOT BEING ABLE TO AFFORD THIS TO DUE A PRICE INCREASE. WE WILL REFLECT THIS AT THE POLLS!! HOW UNJUST!!!

Proceeding: **UNIVERSAL SERVICE** ☒ Record 1 of 1
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The phone companies should not be allowed to charge additionally for a service they are already paid for! We pay a monthly fee regardless of phone usage. NOW they want to collect more because I use the internet. Please do not allow the phone companies to do this. I would need to drop my internet access if they succeed!!!

Thank you
Patrick Allen

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Members of the FCC,

I understand more thought is being applied about fees of an ISP due to telecommunications or should I say monies the phone companies are trying to get out of the american public. What is causing this?

I for one do not like the idea of reopening this issue. I pay taxes, I pay fees for everything: electric bill, telephone and even cable TV. I pay charges to an ISP (internet service provider). I have been forced into having car insurance. I pay for trash pick-up and city sewer. What is left of my paycheck?

My wife and I both HAVE to work just to stay ahead. I am an active internet user. Why? I use it because I get a break, relief from the high cost of living. I may e-mail, read newspapers, educated myself or even play a couple of games to relax.

Our society is gearing up for the what lies ahead. Even the Government is helping public institutions with the costs of getting connected to the internet for public use. I believe the Government helps because they see the need for our country. If our Government is so eager to help the public then why is this issue reaccuring?

Any increase in charges for an internet connection will cause americans to discontinue using the internet. The amount of the increase will determine how many will drop this service.

Phone companies already have us streched-out! Thier fees are already high! What makes them so sure people are willing to stay hooked up. Is this the phone companies attempt to get control over the internet by rubbing the private ISP out of business?

The telephone companies need to look at new measures. They could have a standard rate and include all kinds of services, just like the cable indusry does. More Americans will be glad to see the phone companies appearing to help the general public as opposed to being the bully they are now. Why not a monthly flat-rate? Instead they want control!

Look at how many people are on the net now, then see how many are left once you demand more fees from us. All americans can not afford the internet now. The individuals that are connected are already complaining about the costs. Think about the home bound individuals that can barely afford this service yet it is thier only connection to the outside. Put the Net into our school systems and once a student graduates then what? Will he or she be able to continue using the tool you wanted them to have?

What the bottom line is: The telecommunications companies are bullies and they are throwing their weight around. We as the consumer are FORCED to pay thier demands. What about us, the little guy that really make this country go?

There has to be something wrong since this issue was first voted on. Whose error was it or is this another crack the telecommunications companies are trying to manipulate? Let the ISP's stay! They are a good buffer against these giants. ISP's are privately owned businesses. The ISP will be the thing of the past when phone companies swallow them up. When this happens we are looking at another monopoly! Phone companies once again in the driver seat with no protection for us the consumer.

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THIS REEKS OF MONOPOLY. I AM A TEACHER IN A RURAL AREA IN WHICH WE HAVE POPULATION THAT RELIES ON THE INTERNET FOR EDUCATION AND INFORMATION. THESE PRICE INCREASES WILL PLACE WEB USE OUT OF REACH FOR ALL BUT THE WEALTHY. WE JUST NOW HAVE RECEIVED THE INTERNET AT A FIXED RATE AND YOU PROPOSE TO TAKE THAT AWAY!!! HOW UNJUST.

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It is ridiculous to say that ISPs are telephone companies, because all users must use a telephone company to connect to ISPs.

Not only home users with modems, but business users with large dedicated connections must use the telephone company.

If/when ISPs are allowed to run their own wires to my house (a good idea, in my opinion), then you can call them telephone companies, and charge them accordingly.

Right now, ISPs pay for the wire that they use by paying the telcos.

ISPs don't run new wire; they lease it from telcos. ISPs are *not* telcos.

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Please don't add charges to internet access. I spend about 60 minutes per day on-line, but it is at a very off-peak hour. There isn't a lot of demand on the phone service at 5:30 in the morning. I'm already paying to use my phone service. Add more charges and I won't be able to access the greatest source of information in the world.

Kelly J. Ingram

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A per minute charge on internet use levied against either individuals, ISP's, or both is a ridiculous idea. It has no support or anyone else whom I have talked with. Thank you.

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Considering to allow phone companies to charge more for Internet use is ludicrous - a blatant attempt by phone companies to cash in on the Internet usage by undercutting local providers...this is tantamount to strongarming by telecoms. I'll quit the net forever before I pay one extra dime for line use or switch to my phone company.

Proceeding: **UNIVERSAL SERVICE** ☒ Record 1 of 1
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Please do NOT recommend to Congress the imposition of additional connect fees for Internet Service Providers. Many ISPs are already in danger of going out of business due to extremely low profit margins. Even though the Internet is an extremely important resource for the growth of the country and economy, many users will not use the resource with higher connect fees. If ISPs are forced to close their doors, the freedom of choice will be reduced and we will be in a position similar to that of Microsoft controlling all software, or AT&T controlling the phone systems before the forced breakup of the telephone system. Please do not recommend a step backward.

Thank you for your time.